

The following changes will be made to TEAMS on August 1, 2007. The changes will be effective back to and including the benefit month of September 2006 since policy allows for benefit corrections only for the previous 12 months.

Household Type Indicator

TEAMS will recognize a person as elderly in the month they turn 60 (rather than the month following the month they turn 60). Both the elderly and disabled determination will only apply to participants coded IN or SH on FS SEPA.

EXAD will not include disqualified participants when setting the HH TYPE code.

Once the HH TYPE code is set properly:

- Food Stamp households with a HH TYPE of E/D or SPE will not be subjected to the GMI Standard test.
- Food Stamp households with a HH TYPE of E/D or SPE will not be subjected to the Shelter Cap limitation.
- Medical expenses entered on EXPE with a type code of ME, BD, HI, MC or MD will be allowed for Food Stamp households with a HH TYPE of E/D or SPE.
- When the SIX MO REPORT field on EXAD is changed to an N or when benefits are authorized for a Change Reporting household, the HH TYPE code will be used to determine when to display a warning message. If any household member(s) are not elderly or disabled, the following message will be displayed: CHANGE REPORT – ALL MEMBERS MUST BE AGED, DISABLED OR MIGRANT/SEASONAL.
- Food Stamp households with an elderly or disabled individual will have a \$3000.00 resource limit (rather than a \$2000.00 resource limit).

Because the elderly and disabled check has been allowed for participants coded DS, DQ and DF on FS SEPA, the changes to only evaluate IN and SH participants may cause cases that were eligible for benefits to be no longer eligible for benefits. Food Stamp cases that have an elderly or disabled participant coded DS, DQ or DF will be evaluated using the corrected elderly and disabled determination. **If they are no longer eligible for benefits or if benefits have changed, the FS benefits for September 2007 will be deauthorized.** A report will be created indicating cases that were deauthorized. This report will also include cases with a DS, DQ or DF participant that had FS benefits issued in the benefit months of August 2006 through August 2007.

Because clients were not considered elderly until the month after they turned 60, another report shall be created to identify any client who turned 60 in the previous

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12 months. The report will include cases that had FS benefits issued in the month that the client turned 60. Both reports will be run August 1, 2007 and will be distributed by Central Office.

New FX Expense Code

A new expense type will be added to TEAMS:

- FX - Other Med Non-HH Members (FS).

This code is to reflect medical expenses of an elderly or disabled person who is no longer in the household. This new expense type is for the FS program only, and it shall be treated as a Medical Deduction for the household on EXAD, even if the HH TYPE is REG.

These next three changes will be implemented August 1, 2007.

Alert - POA # TURNS 60 RE-AUTHORIZE FOR ELDERY/DISABLED CRITERIA

This alert will now be sent when a person will turn 60 in the benefit month that the case is being rolled into. For example: on July 31, cases will be rolled into the benefit month of September. Alerts will be set for cases including a person who will turn 60 in September. This will allow FS benefits to be correctly calculated for the elderly client.

Authorization of a Restored Benefit

EXAD will allow supervisors under the same county director as the supervisor of the worker associated to the case to authorize restored benefits.

6MR Notice

The automatic six month reporting notice will no longer be created when expedited food stamps benefits are initially authorized. (The notice will continue to be created any time a household changes to six month reporting and regular food stamp benefits are issued.)